Crime Probe Witness Cited Before Judge

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A witness before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury which is investigating organized crime here has been cited before Judge Matthew H. Braniff for failure to answer a question.

He is George Stokes, a printer, who was asked in open court if he had ever printed cards commonly called football cards.

ON THE ADVICE of his attorney, Milton Brener, Stokes took the Fifth Amendment and refused to answer the question on the grounds that it tended to incriminate him.

Judge Braniff gave Brener until Monday to file a memorandum with the court on why Stokes should not be made to answer that question.

The judge gave the district attorney's office until Wednesday to file its answer to the

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memorandum filed by Brener.

THE JUDGE ALSO ordered that Stokes appear before the Grand Jury again next Thursday at its next regular session.

Stokes was taken before the judge late yesterday